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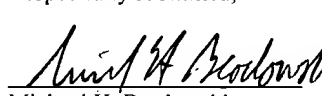
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ANTIBODY-BASED FUSION PROTEINS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on February 11, 2002, restriction of the claims to one of the following groups is required for the above-identified patent application. Group I, claims 1-19, 24-41, 43, and 45-47, is drawn to an antibody-based fusion protein; Group II, claims 20-23, is drawn to a method of increasing the circulating half-life of an antibody-based fusion protein comprising mutating an amino acid near a junction point; Group III, claim 42, is drawn to a method of identifying a mutation that increases the circulating half life of an antibody-based fusion protein by comparing a non-mutated fusion protein and a mutated fusion protein; and Group IV, claim 44, is drawn to a method treating a disease comprising administering an antibody-based fusion protein.


Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Group I, i.e., claims 1-19, 24-41, 43, and 45-47.

If the Examiner believes a conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in

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expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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